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SUBJECT: VISIT OF ARCHEOLOGISTS WILLIAM BIER AND HOWARD SOREN.

1. DR. GUS VAN BEEK, OLD WORLD ARCHEOLOGY CURATOR OF THE SMITHSONIAN, REQUESTS EMBASSY'S FACILITATIVE ASISTANCE FOR DRS. HOWARD D. SOREN AND WILLIAM R. BIER, ART HISTORY AND ARCHEOLOGY DEPARTMENT OF THE UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI. THEY ARRIVE IN LISBON ON MAY 13 (SOREN AT 8:40 A.M. VIA TWA, BIER AT 1:00 P.M. VIA BEA).

2. SOREN AND BIER WILL WORK ON PORTUGUESE EXCAVATIONS FROM 7TH-6TH CENTURIES B.C. WITH DR. CAETANO DE MELO BEIRAO (R. BAAMCAM 82-40, LISBON, TELEPHONE 45989 OR 55093). DR. BEIRAO DISCUSSED PROJECT ON MARCH 14 WITH SMITHSONIAN HEAD, DR. RIPLEY.

3. SMITHSONIAN NOTES THIS PROJECT MAY BE FIRST JOINT AMERICAN-PORTUGUESE ARCHEOLOGICAL EFFORT AND WISHES FACILITATE ITS PROGRESS WHERE POSSIBLE. IF EMBASSY UNABLE MEET EITHER OR BOTH AT AIRPORT, DRS. SOREN AND BIER MAY CALL ON PAO CONLEY FOR ADVICE AND TO BRIEF HIM ON PROJECT.

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